

January 2, 2008

Commissioners' Court Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Election of Officers for the Vigo County board of Commissioners was held at 9:00 a.m. Vigo County Auditor James W. Bramble opened the meeting asking for nominations from the floor. Commissioner Judith Anderson nominated Commissioner David Decker as President, seconded by Commissioner Paul Mason, and passed unanimously. Commissioner Decker accepts the nomination.

Commissioner President David Decker opened the floor for nominations as secretary for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Paul Mason nominated Commissioner Judith Anderson for secretary, seconded by Commissioner David Decker and passed unanimously.

2008 Officers are as follows	David Decker	President
	Judith Anderson	Secretary
	Paul Mason	Member

Legal Counsel - Motion to approve Bob Wright with the Wright, Shagley & Lowery Law Firm as legal counsel made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

Board Appointments for 2008 were made as follows:

County Maintenance Supervisor- Robert Moreland, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

County Building Commissioner- Dave Reeves, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

Human Resources- Connie Flood, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

Equal Employment Officer – Cheryl Loudermilk, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

Veterans Assistance Officer- Karen Barnaby, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

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Data Processing Manager- Scott Swan, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes

County Highway Superintendent- Jerry Lindsay, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes

Assistant County Highway Superintendent- Dan Bennett, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

County Highway Mechanic Supervisor- Bob Couch, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

County Pipe Supervisor- Bobby James, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

American Disabilities Coordinator – James Lewis, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, passed unanimously with all ayes.

Other Board Appointments:

Convention & Tourism – Robert Heaton (Republican) and Greg Gibson (Democrat), Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

Drainage Board – David Decker, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

Area Plan Commission – Norm Froderman, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, passed unanimously with all ayes.

Vigo County Building Corporation – Becky Buse, John Wright, and Patrick Ralston, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

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Honey Creek Fire Protection Board – Max Harrah and Charles Beckwith, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

New Goshen Fire Protection Board – Tony Macak, Gary Garzolini and Darrell Dean, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

Riley Fire Protection Board – Chris Effner and Phillip Spiesterbach, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

Sugar Creek Fire Protection Board – Carol Holbert, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

Prairieton / Prairie Creek Fire Protection Board – Bob Caton, Larry Sample, Steve Kerr, Tom Moore, Don Trendelman, Joe Hayworth and Mark Swander, Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes.

County Auditor Jim Bramble explained to the Board there is a statute that allows the Board of Commissioners to pass an Ordinance to apply the Homestead Rebate to any delinquencies the owner may have first before mailing the rebate. Mr. Bramble would like for the ordinance to be specific to the homesteaded property delinquencies rather than to any delinquencies owed by the person. The County Auditor will discuss with County Attorney Bob Wright.

Commissioner President David Decker gave a letter to County Auditor Jim Bramble requesting certain information by January 15, 2008, as allowed per statute.

Commissioner Anderson commented for the record that the Vigo County Board of Commissioners office hours would be 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and they would remain in continuous session.

Commissioner President David Decker commented to the Board that he believed this would be a challenging year to keep the roads up to standards with the shortage of funding from the state.

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The Board will meet next Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. with County Attorney Bob Wright.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

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ATTEST;

James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

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The Board met in regular session. Those members present were Commissioner President David Decker and Commissioner Judith Anderson. Commissioner Paul Mason was absent. Also present with the Board were County Auditor Jim Bramble and County Attorney Bob Wright.

Commissioner President Decker asked if there was any comment from the public. There was none.

Reports from County Attorney:

Boral Brick Road Mineral Rights- No information yet per County Attorney.

Landfill Ordinance – Ordinance scheduled for passage on 1/22/08. Mr. Wright asked County Auditor Jim Bramble to put on Council Agenda for February Council Call.

Ambulance Ordinance – Ordinance scheduled for passage on 1/22/08.

Property Tax Homestead Rebate Ordinance – The County Attorney will have advertised and scheduled for passage on 1/28/08.

Vending Machine Contract – was approved by county attorney and sent back to the state by Kathy.

R.R. Crossings – Stop Sign – Responsibility / Liability – Mr. Wright commented that it is the Railroad's responsibility and the Railroad has some agreement with the State, and the State takes care of some of the crossings. Cannot find anywhere a case of a county having any responsibility, unless the county chooses to take that responsibility.

Juvenile Center – Security Camera – County Attorney Bob Wright stated he spoke with Judge David Bolk regarding the security cameras, the only concern the Judge had was to make sure there are no cameras in the courtroom. Commissioner Decker commented the cameras have already been purchased and they are not going in the courtroom. The cameras will be on the outside entrances and in the hallways.

Juvenile Center – Janitorial Issues – The courts have hired their own janitorial person, who does not work for the county maintenance/janitorial. Mr. Wright asked who was responsible for the Juvenile Center building. Commissioner Decker commented that it would be Lynn Austin, everything except the courtroom.

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Communications Tower – Commissioner Decker stated he had talked with Sheriff Marvel and he indicated he had forwarded the contract and everything to the County Attorney. Mr. Wright commented the Sheriff indicated the soil testing is being done now on the site of the tower.

Sheriff's Sale Program – The County Attorney stated he had been contacted by the Sheriff who wants to purchase a software package that would make handling the sheriff sales a little easier for his office. Mr. Wright is drafting an amendment to Ordinance 40-3, to allow for the Sheriff Sale Non- Reverting Fund to purchase equipment, etc. for the use to help with the Sheriff sales. Will advertise for passage on 1/28/08.

Old Juvenile Center – Commissioner Anderson questioned Mr. Wright if they had closed on the sale of the old Juvenile Center yet. Bob stated they had not yet due to the fact the purchaser is getting a mortgage on the property so he can build on it.

Hilton Garden Inn – Commissioner Decker questioned County Auditor Jim Bramble if the county had ever received their check from the Hilton Garden Inn for their storage in the front of the building. Mr. Bramble stated he would check on it.

Employee Handbook / Vacation Time – Mr. Wright informed the Board that he had received a phone call from an employee asking his opinion on the handbook and how the vacation time is handled. Calendar year vs. Anniversary Date. He was informed that some offices have always done calendar year and now have switched to Anniversary date per the handbook and some employees were not told and the employees believe they are losing vacation time now. Commissioner Decker asked if they needed to send a memo to departments clarifying that it is supposed to be Anniversary date. Mr. Wright stated they would need to do something.

Board Appointments – Commissioner Decker commented they are still waiting on some responses from those who want to serve, before they finish the appointments.

County Council Contractual Services – Discussion had regarding the EDIT Funds being placed in the County Council Contractual Services line item.

Assessor – Compliant with DLGF - Commissioner Decker asked County Assessor Debbie Lewis if they were compliant with DLGF yet. Debbie commented that she had not heard anything regarding the personal property for 2005, 2006, or 2007 and that trending will be submitted by February 8, 2008. Everything else has been approved.

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Long Range Facility Needs – Commissioner Decker commented that the Board was preparing a Long Range Facility Needs Plan for the county annex and other county owned buildings. Areas such as the Engineering Department, Fiscal Analyst for the County Council, the County Council, Public Defender, CASA, and storage space for the Clerk all need addressed. Commissioner Decker would like to have the plan completed and presented at next County Attorney meeting.

Life Insurance – Commissioner Anderson made motion to send letter to Boston Mutual, Apex, and Forrest Sherer, for a quote for \$15,000 Life Insurance on each full-time employee, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes. Quotes to be into county by January 18, 2008.

Wabash River Corridor Appointment – Motion to appoint Commissioner Mason, Representative and Keith Ruble, alternate representative, to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Board made by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

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At 10:30 a.m. the Board held Rezoning Hearings. Those members present were President David Decker, Judith Anderson and Paul Mason. Also present with the Board were Area Plan Director Jeremy Weir.

UZO-1-08 – 11181 Main Street, Fontanet, Indiana. 84-03-13-263-003.000-011, Lot 12. William & Georgetta Camp, owners. Petitioner present. Rezone from an M-1 to a C-1. Proposed Use: Mobile Pizza Shop. Received a favorable recommendation from Area Plan Commission. **Motion to approve rezoning made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, motion passed unanimously with all ayes.**

UZO-2-08 – Morningstar Subdivision. 84-02-24-453-003.000-013. Todd Noel, owner. Rezone from an A-1 to an R-1. Proposed Use: Single Family Dwellings. Approximately 23 homes. Received a favorable recommendation from Area Plan Commission. **Motion to approve rezoning made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, motion passed unanimously with all ayes.**

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

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The Board met in regular session. Those members present were President David Decker, Judith Anderson and Paul Mason. Also present with the Board were County Auditor Jim Bramble and County Attorney Mike Wright.

Employee Handbook – Commissioner Decker asked Attorney Wright if he had received the changes (clarification) that needed to be done with the employee handbook in reference to those employees who work shifts different from the normal hours (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.), such as Sheriff's Department, Group Homes, Juvenile Center, etc. Mr. Wright stated they had and would work on it.

Boral Brick Road Mineral Rights – Mr. Wright informed the Board he had received the Title Opinion letters from the attorney and the county does own the mineral rights to Boral Brick Road. The County must get two (2) appraisals on the mineral rights to be able to sell them. Attorney Wright will send a letter to Boral Brick to inform them the County does own and that they are in the process of getting two (2) appraisals.

Juvenile Center – Security Cameras – Mike informed the Board that Bob Wright had given the map for the locations of the cameras to be placed in the Juvenile Center to Judge Bolk for his review. He has not yet heard back from the Judge on this matter.

RLH (Owner of Chinook Mine) – Mr. Wright commented that he had received a phone call from Jim Guise (one of the owners of RLH) and he would like to meet with the Commissioners on Thursday morning if possible. The Commissioners will check with County Engineer Jerry Netherlain to see if he has had time to review the road issues and is ready to discuss it with the owners. The Board will get back with Mr. Wright later today.

Courthouse Rotunda Railing – Commissioner Decker presented the Board with a quote to do the courthouse railing around the rotunda. Will forward to John Hanley for him to contact.

Board of Health Appointments – Commissioner Anderson commented the Board of Health has a meeting tomorrow so the Commissioners need to make their appointments. **Motion to appoint Edward Barksdale, (Republican, General Public) to the Board of Health for the term of January 2008 to December 31, 2012, and Irving Haber, D.O., (Democrat, Licensed Physician) for the term of January 2008 to December 31, 2012 made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Decker, motion carried with Commissioner Mason voting nay.**

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Federal Money - Commissioner Decker informed the Board he had received a letter from Congressman Brad Ellsworth stating the county has until February 28, 2008 to submit requests for some federal money that may be available for county use.

Advertising for County Roadways – Commissioner Anderson commented the Tribune Star is no longer giving the government rate to those individuals who are advertising for vacations or acceptance of roads into the county system, unless it is billed to the county. Would like to see if the county could implement an Ordinance or Policy to allow for the individual to pay the county upfront and then the county advertise and pay. Mr. Wright will look into implementing an ordinance.

Boral Brick Road – Commissioner Decker questioned County Auditor Jim Bramble where the Major Moves money is that is to help pay for Boral Brick Road. County Auditor Jim Bramble commented it should be in the Highway fund.

Clerk of the Circuit Court – Received Monthly Report for the month ending December 31, 2007. See Auditor's File- Clerk of the Circuit Court Monthly Reports.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

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The Board met in regular session. Those members present were President David Decker, Judith Anderson and Paul Mason. Also present with the Board were County Attorney Mike Wright.

The Board held a hearing on Ordinance No. 5-100-22, Ambulance Services. Present for the hearing were representatives of Union and Regional Hospital, Care Management Ambulance Service, and members of the local news media. Larry Davison resident of West Terre Haute stated he disagrees with the Ordinance he believes it is bad for the community. John Dell from Care Ambulance spoke and stated he was recently employed with Care Ambulance and is simply here by invitation – healthcare providers contacted him and asked him to come. They work with hospitals in Marion County and have acquired the ambulance business in Greene County. They are currently planning to open an office in Vigo County. The proposed ordinance would require the county to investigate an abundance of information to have hearings for anyone who wishes to have a Franchise here. This would be a cost to the county therefore a cost to the citizens of Vigo County. Suggest the County step back to see what they want to accomplish (adequate Ambulance Service and personnel to provide services), meet state regulations and research the marketplace for both hospitals. Commissioner Mason commented that in no way were they trying to keep someone out of Vigo County, just want them to be part of Vigo County. Carolyn Hamilton, Director of Patient Care Management at Regional Hospital, commented she would be willing to put together data for the Commissioners on Ambulance Needs from the hospitals stand point. Lori Horral from Union Hospital is willing to do the same. Would suggest they table the ordinance so they could put together 6 months to one year worth of data and present it to them. County Attorney Mike Wright commented he was pleased to hear the Health Care providers are happy with the ambulance service. Not intent of the Commissioners to take the ambulance service people out of the loop. He would recommend to the board to table and have a study done to see what is in the best interest of the healthcare providers and the residents of Vigo County.

Motion made by Commissioner Mason to table 5-100-22, Ambulance Services, until we get further information from the healthcare providers, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously.

Juvenile Center – Security Cameras. Judge Bolk has reviewed the placement of the security cameras and he will contact Mike Wright tomorrow.

Election Recount Costs. Discussion had regarding who is responsible for the recount costs for the City election. The Board of Commissioners believes the City should have to reimburse the recount costs. Will check with State Board of Accounts.

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Ordinance No. 2-40.4, Establishment of a Nonreverting Capital Fund. Discussion had regarding the funds received under the terms of a host agreement between Sycamore Ridge Landfill and the Board of County Commissioners (Landfill tipping fee) be placed in a Nonreverting Capital Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously with all ayes to approve Ordinance No. 2.40.4, Establishment of a Nonreverting Capital Fund. Will now need to go to council.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

President, David Decker

Secretary, Judith Anderson

Member, Paul Mason

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The Board met in regular session. Those members present were President David Decker, Judith Anderson and Paul Mason. Also present with the Board were County Attorney Bob Wright.

Juvenile Center – Security Cameras. Judge Bolk objected to the placement of two (2) of the security cameras. Will work out with the Judge.

Satellite Polling Sites. Commissioner Mason commented they needed to see if the Council is going to fund the Satellite Polls.

Ambulance Service. Still studying the possibilities.

Health Clinic Contract. Still reviewing.

Agreement or Directive to get 5th floor of Courthouse ready for books. The Board will give a letter to County Maintenance Supervisor Bob Moreland to put two (2) employees up on the 5th floor to clean and get ready for the books to come back from 6th & Wabash.

EMA Building. On hold right now.

Personnel Handbook Revisions. Still Studying.

W-2 – Annual Wage & Salary Info. – Auditor not here today will check with him next week.

Tipping Fee Landfill Ordinance. Commissioner Decker commented he had not received favorable feedback from the council.

Hilton Garden Inn. Commissioners will invoice.

Ordinance No. 2-40.5 (Ordinance for Homestead Refunds. An Ordinance to establish a procedure for the Vigo County Auditor to follow when processing Homestead Refund Checks as required by the State of Indiana. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed unanimously with all ayes. See Vigo County Code.

Election Recount Costs. County Attorney Bob Wright stated that Mike Wright had called the State Board of Accounts for an opinion and they commented they had not had that question before; they will look into it and get back with Mike.

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At 10:00 a.m. the Board of Finance held their annual meeting.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

David Decker, President

Judith Anderson, Secretary

Paul Mason, Member

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James W. Bramble, Auditor